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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1753

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(As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

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WHEREAS, Good jobs are the foundation of a strong economy and a thriving society where the American Dream is within reach, the dignity of work is honored, families are nurtured, and communities can flourish; and

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WHEREAS, For many decades, the Nabisco plant (now owned by Mondelez International) on Chicago's Southwest Side has provided hundreds of jobs that have sustained working-class families and helped them to buy homes, educate their children, and give back to their communities, all while contributing to the success of its products and shareholders; and

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WHEREAS, In 1993, in recognition of the plant's importance to the Illinois economy, its then-owner, Nabisco Biscuit Company, was awarded State and city tax credits in excess of \$90 million as an incentive to stay in Chicago; as recently as 2013, Mondelez received a State EDGE tax credit conditional on the creation of 25 new jobs at its Naperville facility; and

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WHEREAS, Mondelez did not meet the job creation criteria in Naperville and was unable to utilize its EDGE tax credit; meanwhile, the company prepared to eliminate 600 jobs - half of the workforce - at the Southwest Side Oreo plant and relocate

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1 much of its production to Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, Other EDGE beneficiaries were able to create or  
3 retain jobs at one Illinois location while moving many more  
4 positions out of the State from another location, thus avoiding  
5 their job creation and retention obligations and seriously  
6 undermining the core purpose of using public funds for economic  
7 development incentives; and

8 WHEREAS, Under Governor Bruce Rauner, the Department of  
9 Commerce and Economic Opportunity has adopted a new policy  
10 whereby multiple facilities operated by EDGE recipients will no  
11 longer be considered separate entities, so corporations  
12 receiving tax credits cannot play a shell game with layoffs at  
13 taxpayer expense; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend the Rauner  
16 administration for closing the EDGE credit loophole and urge  
17 the Governor and the Department of Commerce and Economic  
18 Opportunity to continue working with the General Assembly to  
19 tighten accountability in all corporate incentive programs,  
20 ensuring taxpayers dollars are used to create good-paying jobs  
21 that sustain families and communities for the long term; and be  
22 it further

1           RESOLVED, That we urge Mondelez International to  
2 reconsider its decision to move production lines out of Chicago  
3 and out of the United States, and instead to work fairly and in  
4 good faith with its loyal employees, the unions that represent  
5 those employees, and the State of Illinois in order to keep  
6 Oreos American-made and continue to invest in its human capital  
7 in a city that has supported the success of its products for  
8 many decades; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10 delivered to Governor Rauner, DCEO Acting Director Sean  
11 McCarthy, and Mondelez International Chief Executive Officer  
12 Irene Rosenfeld.